

# THE CITY OF NORFOLK



To the Honorable Council  
City of Norfolk, Virginia

February 8, 2022

**From:** Larry D. Boone  
Chief of Police

**Subject:** Gun Buyback Program & Destroy  
Surrendered Firearms

**Reviewed:**

Michael G. Goldsmith, Deputy City  
Manager

**Ward/Superward:** Citywide

**Approved:**

Dr. Larry H. Filer II, City Manager

**Item Number:** R-3

- I. **Recommendation:** Adopt Ordinance
- II. **Applicant:** N/A
- III. **Description:**  
This agenda item is to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Norfolk Police Department to participate in firearms buyback programs and to authorize the destruction of surrendered firearms in accordance with Virginia Law.
- IV. **Analysis:**  
Virginia law authorizes localities to participate in firearm buyback programs where individuals may be given a thing of value in exchange for surrendering a firearm to the locality; the surrendered firearms shall be received and destroyed by the Norfolk Police consistent with Virginia law.
- V. **Financial Impact:**  
N/A
- VI. **Environmental:**  
N/A
- VII. **Community Outreach/Notification:**

Public notification for this agenda item was conducted through the City of Norfolk's agenda notification process.

**VIII. Board/Commission Action:**

N/A

**IX. Coordination/Outreach:**

This letter and ordinance have been coordinated with the Norfolk Police Department and Norfolk City Attorney's Office.

Form and Correctness Approved: *BAP*

Contents Approved:

**Michael Beverly**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the City AttorneyBy: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPT. Police

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

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**Ordinance No.**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO  
PARTICIPATE IN A FIREARM BUYBACK PROGRAM AND  
DESTROY SURRENDERED FIREARMS.

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WHEREAS, Virginia law authorizes localities to participate  
in firearm buyback programs where individuals may be given a  
thing of value in exchange for surrendering a firearm to the  
locality; and

WHEREAS, such surrendered firearms shall be received and  
destroyed by the Norfolk Police Department consistent with  
Virginia law, removing unwanted guns off our streets and  
ensuring a safer community; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the City is hereby authorized to  
participate in a firearm buyback program, consistent  
with Section 15.2-915.5 of the Code of Virginia as  
amended; and

Section 2:- That the Norfolk Police Department is  
authorized to receive and destroy such firearms in  
accordance with Section 15.2-915.5 of the Code of  
Virginia as amended;

Section 3:- That the city manager is authorized  
to enter into memoranda of understanding with private

entities that may organize and partner with the city on such buyback programs, if necessary or prudent, in a form approved by the city attorney.

Section 4:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its adoption.